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BELOW IS THE SUMMARY OF RANGOON'S QUARTERLY RICE REPORT.

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BEGIN QUOTE:

PADDY AREA FOR THE 1976-77 CROP YEAR TOTALS ABOUT 12.8 MILLION ACRES, AND THE GUB PROJECTS A HARVEST OF 9.76 MILLION LONG TONS, UP CONSIDERABLY FROM LAST YEAR'S BUMPER CROP. SO FAR WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN GENERALLY FAVORABLE, BUT MUCH CAN HAPPEN TO AFFECT THE CROP BETWEEN NOW AND HARVEST TIME. GOVERNMENT COLLECTIONS FROM THE 1975-76 CROP AT NEARLY 141 MILLION BASKETS WERE ABOUT 9 MILLION BASKETS SHORT OF THE TARGET COLLECTION FIGURE. HOWEVER THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ADEQUATELY STORE AND DISTRIBUTE THIS AMOUNT, AND THE RESULTING LOSS OF COLLECTED PADDY HAS PROBABLY BEEN LARGER THAN NORMAL. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO COLLECT 100 PERCENT OF THE PADDY CROP IN CERTAIN INSURGENT AREAS FELL FAR SHORT OF SUCCESS AND IT FAILED IN ITS GOAL OF DENYING FOOD TO INSURGENT GROUPS. GOVERNMENT COLLECTION AND EXPORT TARGETS FOR THE COMING YEAR ARE BOTH OPTIMISTICALLY HIGH AND UNLIKELY TO BE REACHED. HOWEVER, EXPORT VOLUME FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1976 IS ABOUT EQUAL TO TOTAL RICE EXPORTS FOR ALL OF 1975. END QUOTE.

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